

The Medical Supported Community Living (MSCL) Pilot Program

The Current Issue

Individuals with chronic or long-term medical care needs that require ongoing support often experience difficulty in having the opportunity to live in the community due to the complexity of their care. In a certain subset of this population with medical needs, 24-hour nursing supports are necessary. However, these individuals want to live in the community in a more typical residential setting with access to activities they enjoy and resources more typical to these in everyday life.

The Pilot

The Babcock Center is working in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) to provide community-based supports for people with intellectual disabilities who have complex medical needs and require 24-hour nursing. A unique feature of the program is that each home will have 24 hour nursing supports available in the home allowing individuals to receive appropriate routine medical support in their homes. The home is located in a natural neighborhood allowing the individuals to have full access to their community. The home is also licensed as an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Another feature of this program is that the day supports are blended with the residential supports and operate out of the home. This approach provides greater flexibility in scheduling activities and providing supports to accommodate the day to day routines of each individual.

A new payment level will be established for these services.

The Pilot Monitoring

The pilot homes will be monitored through Babcock staff supervision in collaboration with regular meetings with DDSN Executive staff. DDSN District I, with support from DDSN Central Office, will monitor the implementation and ongoing operations of the pilot. Key features of the pilot will be reviewed and the progress and satisfaction of the individuals will be reported.

The Pilot Evaluation

Costs as compared to Regional Center rates, effectiveness of the pilot to support individuals who have chronic and/or long-term medical care needs with 24-hour nursing supports, efficiency and satisfaction of the individuals will be evaluated through reporting to DDSN Executive Staff through collection of data over time.